

**MINUTES OF THE COMMITTEE
ON
GOVERNMENT OPERATIONS**

Tuesday, September 13, 2005

10:30 a.m.

Room 326 House Office Building

The House Standing Committee on Government Operations was called to order by the Chair.

Members present: Reps. Drolet, Hoogendyk, Gosselin, Garfield, Sheen, Tobocman, Lipsey.

Members absent/excused: Rep. Lemmons III.

Representative Gosselin moved to approve the minutes of the June 21, 2005 meeting.

Representative Hoogendyk supported the motion. There being no objection, the motion prevailed by unanimous consent.

The Chair laid HB 5060 before the committee.

HB 5060 Steil

Property; other; use of eminent domain by state or local government to take private property for the primary benefit of a private entity; prohibit.

Representative Glenn Steil, sponsor of HB 5060, testified in support of the bill. Questions and discussion among committee members followed.

Lee Schwartz of the Michigan Association of Home Builders testified in support of the bill. Questions and discussion among committee members followed.

Keith Carey of the National Federation of Independent Business, and Nancy Kurdziel and Randy Baker of Prime Housing Group testified in support of the bill. Mr. Carey, Ms. Kurdziel, and Mr. Baker also submitted written testimony. Questions and discussion among committee members followed.

Representative Kevin Green testified in support of the bill.

Patrick Wright of The Mackinac Center for Public Policy testified in support of the bill. Mr. Wright also submitted written testimony. Questions and discussion among committee members followed.

Arnold Weinfeld of the Michigan Municipal League testified in opposition to the bill.

Alan Ackerman of Troy testified on the bill and eminent domain in Michigan. Mr. Ackerman also submitted written testimony. Questions and discussion among committee members followed.

David Bertram of the Michigan Townships Association testified in opposition to the bill.

Brad Ward of the Michigan Association of Realtors testified in support of the bill.

Tony Lentych of the Community Economic Development Association of Michigan testified in opposition to the bill. Questions and discussion among committee members followed.

Representative Garfield moved to excuse the absence of Representative Lemmons III. Representative Tobocman supported the motion. There being no objection, the motion prevailed by unanimous consent.

The Chair announced that the committee has received, on behalf of the Michigan House of Representatives, the following performance audits from the office of the Auditor General:

- Financial Audit, including the provisions of the Single Audit Act, of the State-Funded Judicial Operations.
- Performance Audit of Homeland Security and Emergency Management, Department of Military and Veterans Affairs and Michigan Department of State Police.
- Performance Audit of Jackson Community College.
- Financial Audit of the Michigan Education Trust (MET) Plan D for the period October 1, 2002 through September 30, 2004.
- Financial Audit of the Michigan Education Trust (MET) Plans B & C for the period October 1, 2002 through September 30, 2004.
- Financial Audit, including the provisions of the Single Audit Act, of the Department of Civil Rights.
- Performance Audit of Lake Michigan College.
- Financial Audit of the Michigan Broadband Development Authority for the period October 1, 2003 through September 30, 2004.
- Financial Audit, including the provisions of the Single Audit Act, of the Department of History, Arts and Libraries.
- Financial Audit, including the provisions of the Single Audit Act, of the Department of Attorney General.
- Financial Audit, including the provisions of the Single Audit Act, of the Michigan Strategic Fund.
- Financial Audit, including the provisions of the Single Audit Act, of the Michigan Department

of Transportation.

-Financial Audit, including the provisions of the Single Audit Act, of the Michigan Economic Development Corporation.

-Financial Audit, including the provisions of the Single Audit Act, of the Department of Labor and Economic Growth and Michigan Department of Career Development.

-Follow-up review of the performance and financial related audit of the Bureau of Construction Codes, Department of Consumer and Industry Services.

-Performance Audit of the Sex Offender Registries, Michigan Dept of State Police.

-Performance Audit of the Bureau of Substance Abuse and Addiction Services, Department of Community Health.

-Performance Audit of Selected Community Colleges' Reporting of Activities Classification Structure Data for the colleges' fiscal year 2003-04.

-Performance Audit of Michigan State University.

-Telecommunication Services and Enterprise Security, Department of Management and Budget.

-Financial Audit, including the provisions of the Single Audit Act, of the Department of Agriculture.

-Performance Audit of Charles Stewart Mott Community College.

-Performance Audit of the Prisoner Education Program, Department of Corrections.

-Follow-up review of the performance audit of the Certificate of Need Program, Certificate of Need Commission, Department of Community Health.

-Performance Audit of the Vital Records and Health Data Statistics, Bureau of Epidemiology, Department of Community Health.

-Performance Audit of the Procurement Card Program, Office of Financial Services, Department of Management and Budget.

-Performance Audit of the Children's Foster Care Program, Department of Human Services.

-Follow-up of the performance audit of Michigan Rehabilitation Services, Michigan Department of Career Development.

-Performance Audit of Muskegon Community College.

-Performance Audit of Northern Michigan University.

Fiscal Year 2003-04 State of Michigan Comprehensive Annual Financial Report.

-Performance Audit of Michigan Technological University.

-Performance Audit of Central Michigan University.

There being no further business before the committee, the Chair adjourned the meeting at 11:58 a.m.

Representative Leon Drolet, Chair_____

Dan Stump, Acting Committee Clerk
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